

- e. The Director of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program Office shall nominate the initial CAC membership to be approved by the Policy Board. In making his nominations, the Director shall, to the greatest extent possible, seek to ensure geographic, demographic and social balance, and willingness to serve.
 - f. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment or invitation from the remaining CAC members as set forth in the committee's bylaws.
2. Duties.
- a. The CAC shall be responsible for coordinating CCMP implementation strategies at a local level.
 - b. The CAC shall advise and consult with the Policy Board, Science and Technical Advisory Committee, Management Advisory Committee, the public, and various interest groups, as well as local agencies within the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed regarding implementation of CCMP management actions and advancement of the CCMP at the local level.
 - c. The CAC shall be an advocate for the implementation of the CCMP and the APNEP mission and the APNEP at the local level.
 - d. The CAC will have no authority other than as an advisory body.
 - e. The CAC shall select two members to serve on the Policy Board.
 - f. The CAC shall be responsible for determining its own rules of order, bylaws, chairmanship, attendance requirements, and other matters of protocol.
3. Meetings.
- a. The CAC shall meet at least two times each year, or more frequently if deemed appropriate or upon request by the Policy Board or the Program Director.
 - b. Federal, state, and local agencies with environmental management responsibilities in the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed are invited to participate in meetings of the CAC.
 - c. All meetings shall be open to the public and noticed in accordance with North Carolina's open meeting laws.

B. Science and Technical Advisory Committee

1. Membership.
- a. The Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) will be broad-based and should include scientists and researchers from local colleges, universities, and research institutions, as well as technical staff from federal, state, and local agencies, industry, and environmental organizations.
 - b. All members will be expected to have an advanced degree (Master's or above) and/or extensive experience (at least 6 years), with expertise in scientific and technical fields germane to the mission of the APNEP.
 - c. The Director of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program Office shall nominate the initial STAC membership to be approved by the Policy Board. In making his nominations, the Director shall, to the greatest extent possible, seek to ensure broad-based science and technical representation